

Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A computer readable medium having embedded thereon a digital work adapted to be distributed within a system for controlling ~~the distribution and~~ use of digital works, said digital work comprising:

a digital content representing a portion of a digital work suitable for being rendered
that is renderable by a rendering device; and

a usage rights portion associated with said digital content portion and comprising one or more computer readable instructions configured to permit or prohibit said rendering device to render said digital content portion, wherein said usage rights are portion being expressed as statements from a usage rights language having a grammar defining a valid sequence of symbols, and specifying a manner of use indicating relating to one or more stated purposes for which the digital work can be used ~~and distributed~~ by an authorized party[[,]]; and

~~said digital work is described by~~ a description structure comprising a plurality of description blocks, each of said description blocks ~~comprises~~ comprising address information for at least one part of said digital work, ~~each of said description blocks further comprises~~ zero or more pointers to other description blocks, and ~~each of said description blocks further comprises~~ a usage rights part for associating one or more ~~of said associated~~ usage rights portions.

2. (Currently amended) The digital work as recited in claim 1, wherein said usage rights portion further specify specifies status information indicating the status of the digital work.

3. (Currently amended) The digital work as recited in claim 1, wherein said usage rights portion further specify specifies a usage fee associated with exercise of the manner of use, said usage fee comprising a fee type and fee parameters.

4. (Original) The digital work as recited in claim 3 wherein said fee type is a metered use fee and said fee parameters comprise a fee unit and a time unit.

5. (Original) The digital work as recited in claim 3 wherein said fee type is a per use fee and said fee parameter comprises a fee unit.

6. (Original) The digital work as recited in claim 3 wherein said fee type is a best price fee and said fee parameters comprise an identifier to identify said best price.

7. (Original) The digital work as recited in claim 3 wherein said fee type is a scheduled fee and said fee parameters comprise time units and fee units.

8. (Original) The digital work as recited in claim 3 wherein said fee type is a mark-up fee and said fee parameters comprise a mark-up percentage.

9. (Currently amended) The digital work as recited in claim 1 wherein said digital content portion and said usage rights portion are stored on the same physical device.

10. (Currently amended) The digital work as recited in claim 1, wherein said digital content portion and said usage rights portion are stored on different physical devices.

11. (Currently amended) A method for creating a digital work to be used in a system for ~~distribution and~~ use of the digital work, said method comprising:

[[a]] obtaining a digital content ~~representing a portion of a digital work suitable for being rendered that is renderable~~ by a rendering device;

[[b]] associating a usage rights portion with the digital content portion, ~~wherein the usage rights portion comprising one or more computer readable instructions configured to permit or prohibit said rendering device to render said digital content portion, said usage rights are portion being expressed as statements from a usage rights language having a grammar defining a valid sequence of symbols, and specifying a manner of use indicating relating to one or more stated purposes for which the digital work can be used and distributed by an authorized party~~[[,]];

~~describing said digital work is described by a description structure comprising a plurality of description blocks, each of said description blocks comprises comprising address information for at least one part of said digital work, each of said description blocks further comprises zero or more pointers to other description blocks, and each of~~

~~said description blocks further comprises~~ a usage rights part for associating one or more of said associated usage rights portions; and

[[c]]] ~~storing combining~~ the digital content portion and the usage rights portion to create [[as]] the digital work.

12. (Currently amended) A method as recited in claim 11, wherein said ~~storing combining~~ step comprises storing the digital content portion and the usage rights portion on the same physical device.

13. (Currently amended) A method as recited in claim 11, wherein said ~~storing combining~~ step comprises storing the digital content portion and the usage rights portion on different physical devices.

14. (Currently amended) A method as recited in claim 11, wherein said usage rights portion further ~~specify specifies~~ a usage fee associated with exercise of the manner of use.

15. (Original) The method as recited in claim 14, wherein said usage fee comprises usage fee information including a fee type and fee parameters.

16. (Original) The method as recited in claim 15 wherein said fee type is a metered use fee and said fee parameters comprise a fee unit and a time unit.

17. (Original) The method as recited in claim 15 wherein said fee type is a per use fee and said fee parameters comprise a fee unit.

18. (Original) The method as recited in claim 15 wherein said fee type is a best price fee and said fee parameters comprise an identifier to identify the best price.

19. (Original) The method as recited in claim 15 wherein said fee type is a scheduled fee and said fee parameters comprise time units and fee units.

20. (Original) The method as recited in claim 17 wherein said fee type is a mark-up fee and said fee parameters comprise a mark-up percentage.

21. (Currently amended) A computer readable medium having embedded thereon a digital work adapted to be distributed within a system for controlling the distribution and use of digital works, said system having a mechanism for reporting status information relating to digital works, said digital work comprising:

a digital content representing a portion of a digital work suitable for being rendered that is renderable by a rendering device; and

a usage rights portion associated with said digital content portion and comprising one or more computer readable instructions configured to permit or prohibit said rendering device to render said digital content portion, wherein said usage rights are portion being expressed as statements from a usage rights language having a grammar defining a valid sequence of symbols, and specifying a manner of use indicating conditions relating to one or more stated purposes for which the digital work can be used and distributed by an authorized party, said usage rights also include state information indicating the extent of the manner of use exercised by the authorized party; and

said digital work is described by a description structure comprising a plurality of description blocks, each of said description blocks comprises comprising address information for at least one part of said digital work, each of said description blocks further comprises zero or more pointers to other description blocks, and each of said description blocks further comprises a usage rights part for associating one or more of said associated usage rights portions.

22. (Currently amended) A digital work as recited in claim 21, wherein the state information comprises information indicating conditions relate to the number of copies of the digital work that are in use.

23. (Currently amended) A digital work as recited in claim 21, wherein the state information comprises information indicating conditions relate to the number of time units for which the digital work can be used.

24. (Currently amended) A digital work as recited in claim 21, wherein the ~~state information comprises information indicating conditions relate to~~ the revenue owner of the digital work.

25. (Currently amended) A digital work as recited in claim 21, wherein the ~~state information comprises information indicating conditions relate to~~ the publication date of the digital work.

26. (Currently amended) A digital work as recited in claim 21, wherein the ~~state information comprises information indicating conditions relate to~~ the history of the use and distribution of the digital work.

27. (Currently amended) A method for creating a digital work to be used in a system for ~~reporting fees associated with distribution and controlling~~ use of the digital work, said method comprising:

[[a]] obtaining a digital content ~~representing~~ a portion of a digital work suitable for being rendered that is renderable by a rendering device;

[[b]] associating a usage rights portion with the digital content portion, wherein the usage rights portion comprising one or more computer readable instructions configured to permit or prohibit said rendering device to render said digital content portion, the usage rights portion being expressed as statements from a usage rights language having a grammar defining a valid sequence of symbols, and specifying a manner of use indicating conditions relating to one or more stated purposes for which the digital work can be used and distributed by an authorized party, ~~said usage rights also include state information indicating the extent of the manner of use exercised by the authorized party~~[[,]];

describing said digital work ~~is described~~ by a description structure comprising a plurality of description blocks, each of said description blocks ~~comprises~~ comprising address information for at least one part of said digital work, ~~each of said description blocks further comprises~~ zero or more pointers to other description blocks, and ~~each of said description blocks further comprises~~ a usage rights part for associating one or more of said associated usage rights portions; and

[[c]] ~~string combining~~ the digital content portion and the usage rights portion to create [[as]] the digital work.

28. (Currently amended) A method as recited in claim 27, wherein said ~~storing combining~~ step comprises storing the digital content portion and the usage rights portion on the same physical device.

29. (Currently amended) A method as recited in claim 27, wherein said ~~storing combining~~ step comprises storing the digital content portion and the usage rights portion on different physical devices.

30. (Currently amended) A method as recited in claim 27, wherein the ~~state information comprises information indicating conditions relate to~~ the number of copies of the digital work that are in use.

31. (Currently amended) A method as recited in claim 27, wherein the ~~state information comprises information indicating conditions relate to~~ the number of time units for which the digital work can be used.

32. (Currently amended) A method as recited in claim 27, wherein the ~~state information comprises information indicating conditions relate to~~ the revenue owner of the digital work.

33. (Currently amended) A method as recited in claim 27, wherein the ~~state information comprises information indicating conditions relate to~~ the publication date of the digital work.

34. (Currently amended) A method as recited in claim 27, wherein the ~~state information comprises information indicating conditions relate to~~ the history of the use and distribution of the digital work.